CLAIMS

1. A user interface comprising:

a full scale image presented on a screen;

a scaled image, which is scaled from the full scale image, overlaid onto a portion of the full scale image; and

a graphical user interface positioned next to the scaled image overlaid onto the full scale image without obscuring the scaled image.

2. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the full scale image is a different format than the scaled image.

3. The user interface of claim 1 wherein a user determines a format of the full scale image and a format of the scaled image.

4. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the full scale image and the scaled image are similar in appearance.

5. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the scaled image is placed along a left side of the full scale image.

6. The user interface of claim 1 wherein a user determines where the scaled image is overlaid onto the full scale image.

7. The user interface of claim 1 wherein the graphical user interface is configured to receive instructions from a user to provide a different graphical user interface.

8. A method in a client device comprising:

displaying a full scale image on a screen;

overlaying an scaled image of the full scale image onto the full scale image; and

placing a graphical user interface next to the scaled image overlaid onto the full scale image without obscuring the scaled image.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the scaled image is a different format than the full scale image.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the scaled image is placed along a left side of the full scale image.

11. The method of claim 8 further comprising receiving an instruction from a user to modify information presented by the graphical user interface.

12. A method comprising:

receiving a first video stream of full scale images;

creating a second video stream of visually similar, but reduced scaled images; and

outputting the first and second video streams of images along with a graphical user interface, wherein the scaled images and graphical user interface are overlaid onto the full scale images.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the scaled images are a different format than the full scale images.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the receiving is from a media content provider.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein receiving further comprises receiving other media content.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein the creating is performed by splitting the received video stream of images.

17. The method of claim 12 wherein the creating is performed by splitting the received video stream of images and compressing the selected ones of the images.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the compressing is performed by a compression algorithm.

19. The method of claim 12 further comprising synchronizing the images of the video streams.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the synchronizing is performed on other media content.

21. The method of claim 12 further comprising accepting instructions from a user that modify the graphical user interface.

22. A television server that performs the method of claim 12.

23. A head end system that comprises the television server of claim 22.

24. A method comprising:

receiving media content;

separating from the media content a video stream comprised of scaled images, a video stream comprised of full scale images, a graphical user interface; and

displaying the full scale images on a screen, wherein the scaled images and graphical user interface are overlaid onto the full scale images.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the full scale images are a different format than the scaled images.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein the scaled images are compressed images of the full scale images.

27. The method of claim 24 wherein the receiving is from a distrubution network.

28. The method of claim 24 wherein the distribution network is part of television entertainment system.

29. The method of claim 24 wherein the separating is performed by one or more tuners.

30. The method of claim 24 further comprising synchronizing similar images of the full scale and scaled images.

31. The method of claim 30 wherein the synchronizing is performed with other media data.

32. A client device that performs the method of claim 24.

33. A method comprising:

receiving a video stream of images and a graphical user interface;

splitting the video stream into two similar video streams;

scaling the images of one of the two video streams to create a video stream of scaled images;

displaying full scale images of the video stream whose images are not scaled; and

overlaying the scaled images and graphical user interface onto the full scale images.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein the video stream of images and the graphical user interface are part of other media content.

35. The method of claim 33 wherein the full scaled images are a different format than the scaled images.

36. The method of claim 33 wherein the scaling comprises compressing of the scaled images.

37. The method of claim 36 wherein the compressing is performed using a compression algorithm.

38. The method of claim 33 wherein the receiving is from a distribution network.

39. The method of claim 38 wherein the distribution network is part a television entertainment system.

40. The method of claim 33 further comprising synchronizing the full scale images with the scaled images.

41.   The method of claim 40 wherein the synchronizing is performed with other media data.

42.   A client device that performs the method of claim 35.

43.   A server comprising:

means for receiving media content;

means for creating two similar video streams from a received video stream included in the media content;

means for scaling images of one the video streams; and

means for broadcasting images of the video stream comprising scaled images and the video stream whose images are not scaled.

44.   The server of claim 43 wherein the means for scaling comprises compression the images using a compression algorithm.

45.   The server of claim 43 wherein the means for broadcasting further comprises a graphical user interface.

46.   The server of claim 45 further comprising means for accepting instructions from a remote user to modify information related to the graphical user interface.

47.   A client device comprising:

means for receiving one or two video streams of images, wherein when two video streams are received one of the video streams comprises scaled images and the other video stream comprises full scale images;

means for creating an identical video stream of images when only one video stream is received;

means for scaling images of one of the video streams to a create a video stream of scaled images when only one video stream is received; and

means for displaying the full scale images and scaled images overlaid onto the full scale images.

48.   The client device of claim 47 wherein the means for receiving is from a distribution network.

49.   The client device of claim 47 wherein the means for receiving further comprises a graphical user interface.

50.   The client device of claim 49 wherein the means for displaying further comprises overlaying the graphical user interface onto the full scale images.

51.   The client device of claim 47 further comprising means for accepting actions from a user to modify the graphical user interface.

52.   The client device of claim 47 wherein the means for scaling comprises compressing the images.

53.   A server comprising:

a memory;

a processor coupled to the memory; and

instructions stored in the memory and executable on the processor to access media content from a source wherein the media content comprises a video stream of full scale images; create a similar video stream; scale images of one of the video streams; and broadcast the video streams and a graphical user interface, wherein the full images are displayed at a receiving device and the scaled images along with graphical user interface are overlaid onto the full scale images.

54.   The server of claim 53 wherein the instructions further comprise receiving and processing information that changes the graphical user interface.

55.   A client device comprising:

a memory;

a processor coupled to the memory; and

instructions stored in the memory and executable on the processor to receive one or two video streams and a graphical user interface; create an identical video stream of scaled images if only one stream is received; scale images of one of the video streams; and display images of the non-scaled video stream overlaid with the scale images and the graphical user interface.

56.   The server of claim 55 wherein the instructions further comprise receiving and processing information that changes the graphical user interface.

57. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

receiving video stream data and graphical user interface;

splitting the video stream data to create two video streams of similar data;

creating scaled images of one of two video streams; and

outputting the video streams and the graphical user interface to a display device.

58. The computer-readable medium of claim 57 further comprising processing instructions to modify the graphical user interface.

59. A system comprising:

a television server; and

a client device configured to receive one or two video streams from the television server computer, where when two video streams are received one stream comprises scaled video images and the other stream comprises full scale images, and a graphical user interface; create a scaled image video stream if only one video stream is received; and display the full scale images with overlaid scaled images and the graphical user interface.

60. The system of claim 59 wherein the television server provides the graphical user interface to the client device.

61.   The system of claim 59 wherein the television server is configured to receive instructions to modify the graphical user interface.

62.   The system of claim 61 wherein the client device is further configured to modify the graphical user interface.